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**DECISION**



**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED STATES**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

**FILE:** B-211241

**DATE:** April 1, 1983

**MATTER OF:** Federal Computer Corp.

**DIGEST:**

Protest of alleged impropriety in solicitation is untimely under GAO Bid Protest Procedures when filed after closing time for receipt of initial proposals.

Federal Computer Corp. (FCC) protests as improper a certification requirement contained in request for proposals (RFP) DAAA08-83R-0017 issued by Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois. We dismiss the protest as untimely.

A protest of an alleged impropriety in a solicitation must be filed prior to the closing time for receipt of initial proposals. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(b)(1) (1982); International Business Investments, Incorporated, B-204429, January 6, 1982, 82-1 CPD 16. The closing time for receipt of initial proposals was 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on March 24, 1983. FCC's protest was filed with our Office at 5:25 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Thus, FCC's protest is untimely and will not be considered.

The protest is dismissed.

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